

MILPERSMAN 1210-130

MEDICAL OFFICER DESIGNATION: QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES

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Reference(s)	(a) NAVPERS 15665I, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations
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1. Board Address

Board for Qualification of Submarine Medical Officers
Naval Undersea Medical Institute
Naval Submarine Base, New London
Groton, CT 06349-5159

2. Candidate Qualifications. A candidate for designation as a submarine medical officer must:

- a. Be a graduate of a prescribed undersea medical officer's course given at the Naval Undersea Medical Institute (NUMI);
- b. Successfully pass a comprehensive qualification examination to be completed during the first undersea medical assignment;
- c. Prepare an acceptable thesis, technical paper, or project on some phase of undersea medicine;
- d. Complete a submarine qualification card supplied by NUMI;
- e. Have served on board a submarine for a total of 30 days (not necessarily consecutive). Exceptions to this requirement may be granted in extraordinary cases on an individual basis by the board for qualification of submarine medical officers; and

f. Be recommended by the commanding officer (CO) and (where appropriate) by the CO of the operational unit to which assigned for additional duty (e.g., squadron commander).

3. **Thesis**

a. During or subsequent to completion of the prescribed course, the candidate must submit a formal request containing a brief outline and discussion of the thesis topic to NUMI for review to receive approval of the thesis or project by the board for qualification of submarine medical officers.

b. Upon completion, the original and two copies of the thesis should be forwarded to the board for final review and acceptance.

c. A thesis is not required if the individual has published at least one scientific article concerning submarine or diving problems which meets the board's approval.

4. **Exam**

a. Upon graduation from the NUMI course, all candidates will receive instructions to prepare their comprehensive submarine qualification exam.

b. The examination will be completed during the first undersea medical assignment.

c. Completed examinations and correspondence shall be addressed to the board for qualification of submarine medical officers at NUMI.

5. **Submarine Qualification Card.** Upon arrival at the first undersea medical assignment, the undersea medical officer will complete the qualification card.

6. **Submarine Underway Time.** Documentation for 30 days at sea is desired.

7. **Completion of Requirements.** Submit a request for designation as a "Qualified Submarine Medical Officer" to NUMI upon completion of all requirements to the board. Endorsements from the CO, as well as from the operational commander (when applicable), shall be included.

8. **Designation**

a. Once approved by the senior member of the board, the officer becomes qualified to wear the appropriate submarine insignia as prescribed by reference (a).

b. The officer in charge at NUMI shall report such action to Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM), Medical Assignment Placement Branch (PERS-4415) with copies to the following:

Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (MED-21)
Force Commander
Squadron Commander
Commanding Officer
Individual

c. Upon receipt of submarine medical officer designation letter from Commander, Naval Undersea Medical Institute, the NAVPERSCOM (PERS-4415) detailer will note the date of receipt and record the additional qualification designator "6UM" into the officer's electronic record.